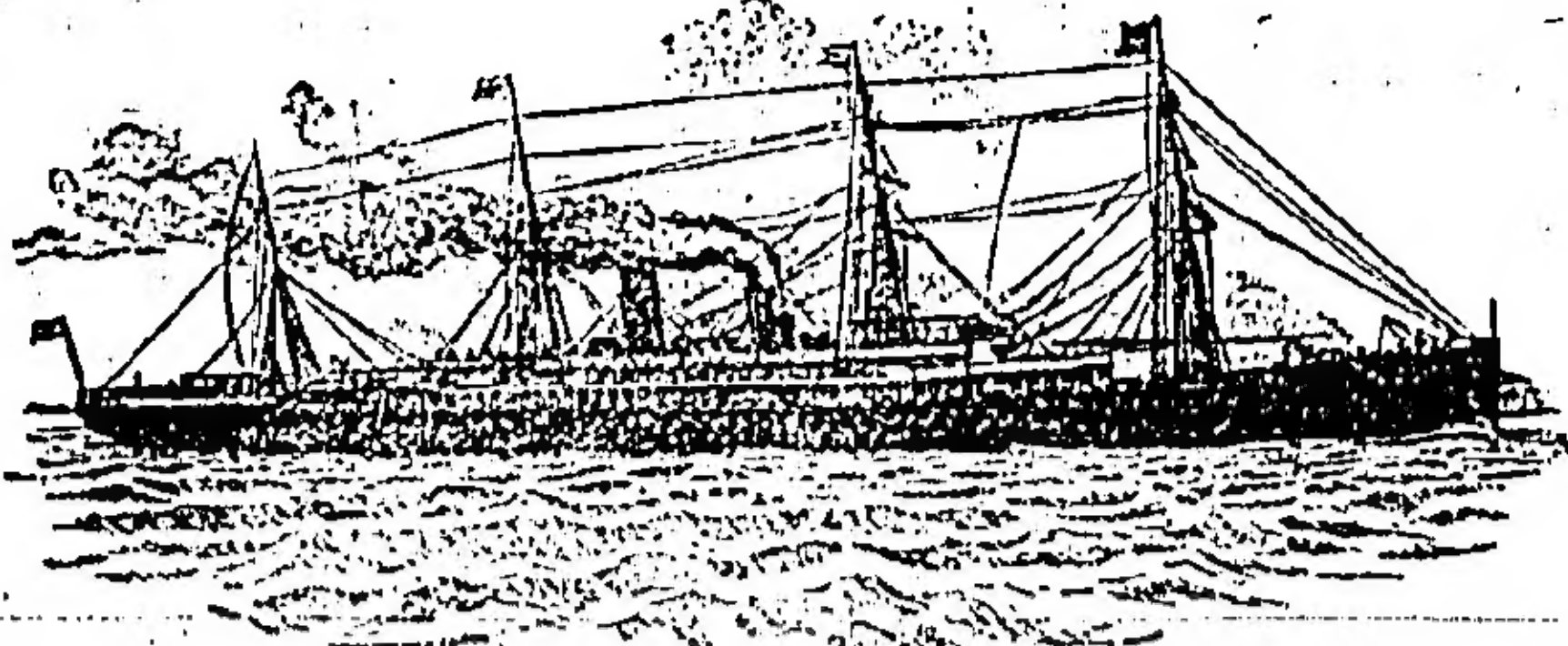






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"COASTIC"	SATURDAY, 25th April, at Noon.
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"EMPRESS OF INDIA".....	6,000 .....	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April.
"TARTAR".....	4,425 .....	WEDNESDAY, 6th May.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN".....	6,000 .....	WEDNESDAY, 13th May.
"ATHENIAN".....	3,882 .....	WEDNESDAY, 27th May.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA".....	6,000 .....	WEDNESDAY, 3rd June.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA".....	6,000 .....	WEDNESDAY, 14th June.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN".....	6,000 .....	WEDNESDAY, 15th July.

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).		
STREAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
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HAMBURG .....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	28th Mar.
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KONIGSBERG .....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	7th April.
Mayer .....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	Freight and Passengers.
SAMBIA .....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	21st April.
Schmidt .....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	Freight.
SERBIA .....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	5th May.
Bremer .....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	Freight.
SAXONIA .....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	19th May.
Wagner .....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	Freight.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HONGKONG OFFICE, No. 1, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1903.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. KUHN & KOMOR to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

SATURDAY, the 14th March, 1903, at 2 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, DUDELL STREET, A VERY FINE SILK EMBROIDERED SCREEN

AND AN ARTISTICALLY EXECUTED SILK EMBROIDERED PICTURE, "LIONS." On View from FRIDAY, the 13th March, 1903, TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 9th March, 1903. [293c]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. KUHN & KOMOR to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

SATURDAY, the 14th March, 1903, Commencing at 2 P.M. sharp, at his SALES ROOMS, DUDELL STREET, A MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION OF MODERN AND ANCIENT JAPANESE ART CURIOS.

Particulars from Catalogue. TERMS:—Cash on delivery. On View from FRIDAY, the 13th March, 1903. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 9th March, 1903. [287c]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, on SATURDAY, the 14th March, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at their

SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:

SATIN COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, TEAKWOOD OVERMANTLES with BEVELLED GLASS, AMERICAN ROLL-TOP DESKS, BLACKWOOD WARE, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, MOROCCO-COVERED SOFA and CHAIRS, MARBLE-TOP DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASS, FUR RUGS, ELECTRO-PLATED and GLASS WARE, DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEAD with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, Marinburg's make WASH-STANDS and DRESSING TABLES, COOKING STOVE, &c., &c.

TERMS:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [399c]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY situated at Victoria, Hongkong, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 6A (No. 10, Leiyoyis Street), and held for 99 years, and held for 99 years, will be sold by Public Auction in One Lot, by Order of the Mortgagee, at Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH'S AUCTION ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central (Corner of Ice House Street), on TUESDAY, the 17th day of MARCH, 1903, at 3 P.M.

For Particulars of the Property and Conditions of Sale, apply to H. K. HOLMES, Solicitor for the Vendor, 54, Queen's Road, Hongkong, or to Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [306c]

Intimations.

HOUSEHOLDERS are hereby requested to make a Special Effort at this Time of the Year to destroy Rats and to fill up Rat Holes with Cement.

RAT TRAPS and BIRD LIME may be obtained from the Secretary to the Board free of cost.

By Order, G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary. Sanitary Board Room, 14th February, 1903. [223c]

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION).

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in their Share to the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 31ST DAY OF MARCH NEXT, in order that same may be exchanged for Scrip for Shares in the New Company.

Dated this 9th day of March, 1903. J. WHELEVY, General Manager. [300c] China Borneo Company, Limited.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Business contributed during the Year ended 31st December, 1902, on or before the 15th instant on which Date the Account will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GEO. A. CALDWELL, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1903. [265c]

THE HONGKONG DAIRY

BEG to notify their Customers and the Public that from the 15th instant they will Open as their TOWN DEPOT for the Sale of FRESH MILK CREAM, BUTTER &c., the Premises known as 47, DES VOEUX ROAD Deliveries twice daily to any part of the Colony.

G. W. CEGG, Manager. Hongkong, 9th March, 1903. [295c]

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

IT is requested that all OUTSTANDING BILLS against the SOCIETY may be forwarded to the Undersigned not later than MONDAY, 16th March.

DAVID WOOD, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 5th March, 1903. [277c]

Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED. NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL TO-MORROW, the 13th March, 1903, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to 31st December, 1902, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 13th March, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board, C. MOONEY, Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1903. [252c] LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedders Street, on TUESDAY, the 17th March, 1903, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th March, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1903. [235c]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, on TUESDAY, the 17th March, 1903, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th March, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [227c]

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 21st March, 1903, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1902, and electing a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 21st March, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1903. [288c]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, Nos. 38 to 40, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 26th day of MARCH, 1903, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the SUBJUGATED RESOLUTIONS:—

1. That the Company may underwrite the whole or any part of the risks on all, or any, of its properties as the directors may from time to time determine.

2. That the sum of \$200,000 now standing to the credit of Permanent Reserve Fund be transferred to the credit of an "Insurance Reserve Fund" and that this Fund shall be credited with the same premiums on the properties underwritten by the Company as if they had been insured with other companies, and that all losses by fire shall be met out of the same Fund.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 11th March, 1903. [308c]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

SECOND SPRING MEETING, 1903.

SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1903.

3 P.M.

1.—For All China Ponies. Winner to receive \$200; Second \$50; Third \$15. Weights for ponies as per scale. Ponies other than this season's Subscription Grifins penalized 7 lbs. This season's Subscription Grifins allowed 5 lbs. Winners of one Race at last meeting penalized 5 lbs.; of two or more Races 10 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. Once Round.

3.30 P.M.

2.—A Handicap open to this season's Water Subscription Grifins. Winner to receive \$250; Second \$75; Third \$50. Entrance \$10. Distance Three Quarters of a Mile.

4 P.M.

3.—For China Subscription Grifins of this season which have not won an official Race. Winner to receive \$200; Second \$50; Third \$25. Weights as per scale. Winner of Race No. 1 barred. Entrance \$5. Five Furlongs.

4.30 P.M.

4.—A Handicap for Horses of any height or description. Winner to receive \$250; Second \$75; Third \$50. Winner of Race No. 2 barred. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Quarter.

5 P.M.

5.—For All China Ponies. Winner to receive \$200; Second \$50; Third \$15. Ponies other than this season's Subscription Grifins penalized 7 lbs. This season's Subscription Grifins allowed 5 lbs. Winners of one Race at last meeting penalized 5 lbs.; of two or more Races 10 lbs. Winners of Races Nos. 1 and 3 barred. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

5.30 P.M.

6.—A Handicap for Subscription Waters of this season. Winner to receive \$250; Second \$75; Third \$50. Winners of Races Nos. 2 and 4 barred. Entrance \$10. Distance One Mile.

Note.—Riders who have not won more than Two Official Races allowed 5 lbs. Any Race in which there are not at least eight entries, or for which there are not at least four runners, representing different owners, will be void.

All entries to be made in writing, enclosed in a sealed cover, addressed to the Clerk of the Course at the Hongkong Club before 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 14th March, 1903, with the entrance money enclosed. The entries to be opened in the presence of a Steward.

Form of entries can be obtained on application to the Secretary, J. GRANT, Esq., A. S. ANTON, Acting Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1903. [268c]

Intimations.

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Hongkong, 1st November, 1902. [1339c]

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 3rd December, 1902. [110c]

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DENTISTRY. SUI SANG, (Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA), DENTIST. No. 26, Connaught Road Central. Hongkong, 5th February, 1903. [1c]



## STEAM TRAFFIC FOR HUNAN.

Writing to the Shanghai Mercury from Changteh, a correspondent says:—

Indications are getting rather frequent that Changteh is in the mind of steamship companies as an objective point of the trade of western Hunan and the whole of Kueichow. Further evidence to this fact has been furnished by the recent visit of Captain W. Smith, representing Butterfield and Swire, to this city. A very few words may serve to tell the story of Changteh's connection with the outside world by means of steam. The first boat propelled by steam to this city was the British gunboat *Ward*, which made the trip in the summer of 1899. In 1901 the *Woodlark* paid a second visit, and at the same time also two Chinese companies began running launches from the capital to this place but for some reason these were discontinued after several months. The Anglo-French Mining Company, of Kueichow province, has two launches which have made a number of trips since 1901, they being run from Sianzi. Last year the British gunboat *Snipe* and the German *Vormars* were both here, the *Snipe* making two trips. This is, in brief, the history of steam navigation up the Yuen River.

The trade of this section is quite well known to the various steamship companies, and once a waterway for the greater part of the year is found, they will be quick to start steamers in this direction. The object of Captain Smith's trip was to ascertain if a passage could be found for light draft steamers at this season of the year. There is no need to question the possibility of safe navigation during the summer months, for then there is abundance of water; even large steamers could make the passage without the least fear. But the crux in steam navigation will fall between the months of September of one year and May of the next. Strange as it may seem the difficulty is not in the Yuen River, but in the Tongting Lake, which in low water season spreads out over a vast area, without apparently having a main channel leading in any direction. But many are of the opinion that a channel exists, though it is impossible to get reliable information from Chinese junkmen, since they never go diagonally across the lake, but skirt the shores. Boats coming from Yuchow to Changteh never take a diagonal course across the lake, as might be inferred from looking at a map, but follow the eastern shore almost due south as if going to Chang-sha or Sianzi, until the lake is crossed, the lake small streams and canals going west which run practically parallel to the southern shore, finally crossing the southwestern arm of the lake into the Yuen River. Boatmen do not take the direct and natural course even in high water, for the reason that the passage cannot be made in a day, except under the most favourable circumstances, and if caught out at night they are without proper anchorage. Furthermore there is danger of sudden high winds, which might do considerable damage to native boats when out on the body of water, as boatmen prefer the longer way, which, from the standpoint of the craft, has the advantage of being without risks. But the things that militate against native junks would obviously not affect steamers in the least, and what seems needed is a careful survey of all parts of the lake in low water season that its exact state may be ascertained. If a passage is found and Captain Smith was hopeful when he left here, there is no reason why a thriving steamer trade might not begin at once; as it is, any medium draft steamer may find plenty of water between the month of May and September.

## THE CRISIS IN KWANGSI.

The N. C. D. News reports that the local mandarins have received news from the South of the capture by rebels of the prefectural city of Liuchow, not far from Kueilin, the provincial capital of Kwangsi, in consequence of which the situation of the last-named city is now very serious, there being not quite 5,000 men holding the place. The loyalty of these troops, even, is suspected, and it is thought that the moment the rebel forces appear in strength before the provincial capital the garrison will hand it immediately over to the rebels, who intend to make Kueilin the capital of the new Chinese dynasty. What the leaders of the rebellion really want, however, is some seaport, so as to have the means of easy communication with their friends outside. Once Kueilin is captured and they have a regular base to work from in extending the rebellion to other provinces we may expect them to make a decided effort in capturing some important city on the sea coast. What people in the provinces receive authentic news of the numerous successes of the rebels whose operations have extended even into Hunan province and whose partisans are constantly increasing in Yunnan, Kueichow, Szechuan, and Kwangtung provinces, the powers that be in Peking are being fed with telegrams from Kwangsi officials reporting "glorious victories" over the rebels. So infuriated has the Central Government in the capital become on this account that they refuse to believe contrary accounts from high officials in the vicinity of Kwangsi province who are independent of those in the latter province. It is stated that one high official in Kueichow writing to the Grand Council concerning the large quantities of magazine rifles and ammunition in the hands of the Kwangsi rebels declared his suspicions that some foreign Government was secretly assisting the movement to this the Council replied that as China was in the closest friendship (sic) with all the Powers it was absurd to entertain such suspicions. The high official in question then denounced Governor Wang Chih-chun as unequal to deal with the situation and recommended either Chang Chih-tung or Wei Kuang-fao as Commander-in-Chief over all the forces operating against the rebels at the same

time suggesting that the troops of the Yun-Kuei provinces be ordered to combine with the Two Kwang forces. The Grand Council pooh-poohed this also and replied, that Governor Wang Chih-chun was quite capable to deal with the situation with the troops he now has under him in Kwangsi. As proof of this Governor Wang's telegrams announcing successive victories over the rebels were copied and transmitted to the high official above noted.

## VENEZUELA AS IT IS.

TRADE, FINANCES, AND CHARACTERISTICS.

In the present state of the existent crisis for Venezuela a few facts concerning that turbulent State and its belligerent population may be of some interest. The Republic of Venezuela was constituted in 1830 by secession from the other members of the Free State founded by the Simon Bolivar whose name is perpetuated in the principal coin in the currency of that country. It is the most northerly confederation of South America, and consists of fifteen States, with territory that extends to 566,159 square miles. The population is just about three millions, and the principal imports manufactured goods, wines, and provisions of a various character. The mineral resources of the country are considerable, and as yet only just tapped.

The supreme head of the Republic, on whose present actions the eyes of the world are centred, is the President, General Castro, who, having been elected for four years in October, 1899, has less than a year of his term to run. Internecine strife has for a number of years played havoc with the normal growth of the trade of the country, and prevented its development in a manner that, with a less excitable and belligerent population, would have established the prosperity of the community and restored its finances to something approaching a sound and substantial status. As it is at present, with civil war existent and cross-currents always flowing or ready to burst forth, there is no real stability either in the Government or the State; and although there is a vast amount of British capital in the country, it is regarded as very speculative. These investments are principally in the railways of the country, of which there are nearly four hundred miles. The revenue and expenditure are approximately given as just over a million and a half for the year 1900, the usual devices being resorted to secure a budgetary equilibrium without conspicuous success. The total debt of the country at the end of the year mentioned was nearly eight millions, but it has been increased by nearly 25 per cent. since then.

The capital, Caracas, is 4,760 miles from London, and has a population about a hundred thousand, which is very largely cosmopolitan. The staple export of the country is coffee, which is very largely shipped to the United States, France, Italy, and Germany, the total exports averaging four million sterling, being made up of two-thirds coffee, and the remainder cocoa, gold, hides, and general. Of these only about £125,000 worth find their way to this country, but as far back as ten years ago they were of the value of £56,000; while British imports, which, in 1893, were over £900,000, had fallen in 1900 to £367,692.

Venezuela had a standing army which, under normal conditions, is distributed in about twenty of the principal towns, and consists, roughly, of four thousand men. But there is, in addition, a national militia, in which every citizen from the eighteen to the forty-fifth year inclusive must be enrolled. In times of civil war this force has totalled 60,000, while the total number of citizens liable for military service, according to the law of the country, is not far short of 250,000. For a republic with so many seaports, the Venezuelan navy is not a fearsome thing to encounter, consisting as it does of the *Libertador* (ex *Ban Right*), the armaments of which would not be out of place in a touring drama; then there are two torpedo gunboats of a very modest character (the *Bolivar*, 571 tons, 18 knots, launched 1891; and the *Miranda*, 200 tons, 12 knots, 1895); and three river steamers. So that there is not much in this respect for our quadrangle of cruisers and gunboats to tackle, even if President Castro pursues his present suicidal policy to the bitter end.

It will be seen, from the statement of the present amount of trade done, that even if the British and German Governments seized the Customs, as they are believed to contemplate doing, it would take a considerable time to collect sufficient to satisfy the dual demand and to pay the costs of collection. With the revolution still in progress, and probably others at bursting-point should the present one collapse, President Castro has a sea of difficulties to face that requires a greater fiscal and diplomatic navigator than he seems to be to steer safely through.—P. M. G.

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## Intimations.

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On March 7th at Shanghai, by the Rev. Dr.  
Hykes and before the U. S. Vice-Consul, Mr.  
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daughter of Mrs. H. J. J. and of the late Mr.  
H. J. J., to CHARLES S. FOWLER, son of Mr.  
Chas. Holt-Fowler and of the late Susan Secor  
Fowler of New Haven, Conn., U.S.A.

## DEATHS.

On the 3rd instant, at the General Hospital,  
Singapore, CLARA EDITH, wife of Edward  
Sweeney, of Serehban, aged 35.  
At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the  
6th of March, at 3.30 p.m., GEORGE HENRY  
JONES.

**The Hongkong Telegraph**

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1903.

## THE CHINESE CUSTOMS.

It seems very evident that either the  
fertile imaginations of Northern journalists  
have been actively in operation during the  
past few weeks or that the Press in general  
has been kept in a state of total ignorance  
on a matter the far-reaching importance of  
which it would be difficult to overestimate.  
A few days since we printed a short  
paragraph to the effect that, according to a  
telegram from the Peking correspondent of  
the *Mainichi*, the Powers are about to or-  
ganize an International Financial Board to  
urge financial and currency reforms in  
China, and, at the same time, to secure the  
safety of the Chinese guarantees for the  
various foreign loans, and for expansion of  
trade. It further stated that the Powers  
have recognised that the present situa-  
tion of the Customs Service, now under  
the control of Sir Robert Hart, shall be  
placed under International control, and  
they have agreed to take steps to give  
these views effect. This has since been  
augmented by a statement, emanating  
from the *Tokyo Asahi*, a correspondent  
of which interviewed Mr. Yamaoka, in-  
specter of the Japanese Department of  
Finance, upon his recent return from  
China, when he is reported to have said  
that a rumour was current in Shanghai  
to the effect that Sir Robert Hart was desirous  
of the appointment of Mr. Bredon, his  
brother-in-law, as his successor, but that  
Germany was endeavouring to secure the  
right to make the appointment. A close  
scrutiny of the Shanghai journals to hand  
by the last few mails does not reveal any  
very grave cause for alarm or, in fact, any  
reference at all to the reported impending re-  
signation of the head of the native Customs.  
That something has been said in the matter  
there cannot be much doubt having regard to  
a Reuter's telegram, published by us on the  
21st February, stating that "Lord Cranborne,  
replying in the House, said that the Govern-  
ment had not modified its view concerning  
the control of the Chinese Customs in the  
future." What question called forth this  
answer we have not at present learned, but  
in view of the fact that a fortnight ago Sir  
Robert Hart was 69 years of age and is  
now in his seventieth year it is impera-  
tive that ere long he must hand over his  
reigns of office and it would be as well to  
consider the pros and cons connected with  
the case. When the time arrives for the  
appointment of a successor then the diffi-  
culty will commence. If Li Hung Chang had  
had his way the Chinese Imperial Maritime  
Customs would have been under a privately  
organised native service of his own.  
He always regarded it with a jealous eye.  
Naturally so. The total revenue derived  
from the foreign trade in 1901 was  
Hk. Tls. 437,959,675 higher than any other  
year except 1899, while 6,339,000 tons of  
shipping and treasure to the value of  
Hk. Tls. 47,555,909 was dealt with.  
These figures have, of course, increased  
since the days of that great diplomat,  
but will furnish an adequate idea of the  
importance of the Department. Some years  
since Henry Norman, in dealing with the  
question of Sir Robert Hart's successor,  
said it was the "one dark spot" on the horizon  
of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs.  
"It is practically certain," he wrote, to be an  
Englishman—at least, the appointment of  
a man of any other nationality, however  
qualified in other respects, would be as un-  
welcome to the service as it would be  
impolitic and unfair. It has been suggested,  
however, that the Chinese Ministers might  
be tempted when Sir Robert resigns,  
to replace him by a Chinaman, in the  
belief that the service would run of

itself, and that they might therefore just  
as well follow the usual custom of  
selling the post to the highest bidder.  
Such an event would be a calamity for  
the commerce of the world, and therefore  
the Treaty Powers would never permit it.  
For whatever may be thought of the state-  
ment at home, not a single voice will be  
raised in the East to contradict me, when  
I say that among her 350,000,000 people  
China has not one official who could be  
trusted to handle so much money without  
regarding it first of all as a means of  
personal enrichment. In 1864 Sir Robert  
wrote to the Secretary of State at home  
that the Inspectorate "will have finished its work  
when it shall have produced a native ad-  
ministration, as honest and as efficient,  
to replace it." Does the experience of thirty-  
five years lead him to cherish this hope of  
ultimate Chinese honesty and efficiency? I  
cannot say, of course, but I should be ex-  
tremely surprised to learn it. This is what a  
great authority on Eastern affairs has to  
say upon the subject, and although Sir  
Robert has always spoken in the highest  
terms of the Chinese, and is absolutely  
devoted to their interests, there can be  
not the least suspicion of a doubt that  
should the post become vacant at the  
present moment every effort would be  
made to keep out of office a Briton  
whose predecessor through his genius,  
devotion, and integrity built up to its  
present position of strength the Imperial  
Maritime Customs of China. It is a question  
which will have to be dealt with in a firm  
manner, all sentiment should be placed aside  
and England must then see that when the  
time arrives the head of the Customs service  
of China is a Britisher and a Britisher only.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Every mail brings fresh films, dry plates  
and printing paper for LeMunyon direct from New  
York.—*Advt.*

ON page 3 are articles on "Steam traffic for  
Hunan"; "Venezuela as it is"; and "The  
Crisis in Kwangsi."

THE Grand Oriental Hotel at Colombo distrib-  
uted a dividend of eighteen per cent. for 1902.  
The Galle Face Hotel paid eight per cent. for  
the year.

THE Championship '01 of the Singapore Chess  
Club has been again won by Mr. T. Ramage  
Miles who beat Mr. W. Craig, the runner-up,  
by two games to love.

UNDER the will of Mr. F. J. Quick, of Trinity  
Hall, the University of Cambridge receives  
upwards of £30,000 for vegetable, animal, and  
biological research.

SIR James L. Mackay was to take the chair at  
the annual dinner of the Chamber of Shipping  
of the United Kingdom, at the Whitehall  
Rooms on February 20th.

THE Directors of the Shanghai Waterworks  
Company, Limited will recommend at the next  
annual meeting a final dividend of thirty-two  
shillings and sixpence per share for the past  
year.

A GIANTIC French Shipping Trust has been  
formed. It takes in fifteen millions of ships'  
tonnage. M. Lebon, President of the Mes-  
sageries Maritimes, is the President of the  
Trust.

THEY are not quite too awfully pious to live in,  
Bangkok, despite the fact that they have a gold  
standard. The local newspapers are actually  
plucky enough to publish advertisements of  
"sweeps" observes the *Strait Times*.

WITH a view of preventing the Orient steamers  
from ceasing to call at Naples, the Italian  
Government have decided to provide a post-  
office there, and to institute special mail trains  
so soon as arrangements shall have been com-  
pleted for connecting them with the French  
system.

THE steamer *Drutus* of the Compagnia Maritima,  
Manila, has been docked by S. C. Far-  
ham, Lloyd and Co., Ltd., to undergo extensive  
repairs and renewals. The *Shanghai Mercury*  
says that this is the third steamer the Compagnia  
Maritima have sent to Shanghai, and others  
are expected shortly.

PROGRAMME of music to be played by the  
Band of the 10th Bombay Light Infantry on the  
New Parade Ground, on Monday next,  
the 16th instant (from 4 to 5.30 p.m.):—  
March—... "Young Guards" ... P. J. Yee  
Overture—... "Cenerentola" ... Roselli  
Selection—... "San Toy" ... S. Jones  
Valse—... "Sourire d'Amour" ... Depire  
Song—... "The Flight of Ages" ... F. Evans  
Selection—... "The Jolly Holiday" ... W. Williams  
God Save the King.

HOME papers contain full reports of divorce  
proceedings instituted by Mrs. Charlotte Louisa  
Gillespie against her husband, Mr. Walter Hugh  
Gillespie, a stockbroker, on the ground of his  
cruelty and misconduct with Daisy Louisa  
Stewart. A cross-petition is that Mrs. Gillespie  
had been guilty of misconduct with Mr. Freder-  
ick Montague Gratton, of Shanghai, against  
whom damages were claimed. When the mail  
left the result had not been given.

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line strictly fresh. Call and see him, 31 Des  
Voeux Road, Central.—*Advt.*

THE marriage took place on 31st January,  
in St. Andrew's Scottish Episcopal Church,  
Adrian, of Miss Clements Robertson, of  
Lightham, West Kilbride to Mr. James M'Isaac,  
of Salcoats, and of Messrs. Butterfield and  
Swire, Canton. Miss Robertson is a sister of  
Sir Archibald Hunter, Commanding the Forces  
in Scotland, and Mr. M'Isaac is a son of  
the late Provost M'Isaac of Salcoats. The  
marriage ceremony was performed by Bishop  
Harrison, of Glasgow and Galloway, and Sir  
Archibald Hunter gave the bride away.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and  
Officers, the Band of the 33rd Burma  
Infantry will play the following programme,  
to-morrow, Friday, the 13th inst., at the King  
Edward Hotel during dinner:—

PROGRAMME.  
March—... "The Soldier's Life" ... Wilson  
Entr'acte—... "La Lettre de Maman" ... Gifford  
Selection—... "Reminiscences of the Past" ... Chambers  
Dance—... "Hungarian" ... Neilson  
Selection—... "The Toreador" ... Caryl and Monckton  
Valse—... "Down the Vale" ... Ernest Allan  
Gavotte—... "Mazurka" ... Paul Zahu

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Yes. Oh, send me a supply of No. 3 films. I  
am about to take a trip and shall need a fresh  
supply of films. Thanks.—Will send same  
immediately. Goodbye—Goo'-bye.—*Advt.*

BEFORE Mr. J. H. Kemp this morning, Louis  
F. Walton, a sailor from the U. S. S. *New  
Orleans*, was charged with behaving in a dis-  
orderly conduct in the Thomas Hotel; damaging  
the junior of P. C. 595 to the extent of \$3; and  
assaulting P. S. 736 and P. C. 595 in the ex-  
ecution of their duty. Wan Fu, a bar boy of  
the Hotel, stated that prisoner ordered five small  
beers and one whiskey last evening and when  
he had served him and asked for payment, he  
was struck in the eye by the defendant. The  
police were summoned, but on an Indian police-  
man making his appearance Walton ran away.  
P. C. 55 stated that in response to call he  
entered the Thomas Hotel in order to arrest the  
prisoner, but he was eventually arrested by  
P. S. 736 at the Praya. He then became  
very unruly and after damaging his tunic hit  
both he and the Sergeant. Prisoner stated  
that he paid for the drinks and saw no reason  
why he should be arrested. For the 1st offence  
he was fined \$2 or 7 days, and \$3 as compensa-  
tion or 7 days, and 3rd \$6 or 14 days. The  
fines were paid.

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all kinds of Cameras and Kodaks, and all pho-  
tographic material, best that is made, can be  
had at LeMunyon's.—*Advt.*

## "ALACRITY" CORK CLUB.

The hardy British "boys" of the *Alacrity*  
Cork Club assembled at Thomas's Hotel last  
evening to partake of the best that Mr. Frank  
Francis could provide, and then indulge in a  
rollicking good "saker." Surgeon R. J.  
MacKeown, H.M.S. *Alacrity*, was invited to  
take the chair, and some fifty others, including  
about thirty guests were present. The officers  
for the occasion were Messrs. E. Harwin  
(president), C. Spearing (treasurer), and B.  
Brodzik (secretary).

Dinner concluded and "The King" toasted  
in the customary good old national manner,  
the chairman proposed "The Cork Club,"  
explaining that the word "cork" referred to  
the badge or emblem of the Club, which was  
a cork. The aims of the Society were those  
of good-fellowship and the prevention of  
swearing, while the frequent entertainments  
were entirely financed by fines. If a member  
was unable to produce his token when called upon, or used bad language at, to,  
or in the presence of another clubman, he had  
to pay a forfeit, "and a jolly good thing too,"  
remarked the doctor. At the same time it  
should be remembered what toilers of "the  
deep" had to put up with, and after all the big  
"D" was a kind of safety valve on one's  
temper. (Applause.)

Mr. Harwin had great pleasure in toasting  
Dr. MacKeown, coupled with the name of Mr.  
Brodzik, who, in a great measure, was respon-  
sible for the success of the Club, (hear, hear).

Mr. Brodzik gave thanks and, in toasting  
the visitors, said that the lowerdeck members  
were always keen on having their friends around  
them, and looked upon all guests present as  
brothers. (Cheers.)

After Mr. W. G. Vercoe had responded pipes  
and glasses were filled, chairs shifted, and the  
music commenced. Those who contributed to  
the harmony of the evening put their soul into  
the work, and the chorus needed no coaxing.  
*Encore, after encore* was gamely responded to,  
and in more than one instance "still they cried  
for more." The programme was sustained by  
Messrs. G. Hyde, E. Harwin, G. Burnett, S.  
G. Pursey, Merton, H. Watt, G. Burgess, J.  
Driscoll, G. Palmer, and the brothers Don and  
Frank Francis, who rendered some fine music  
in thoroughly professional style. Mr. H. Cento  
was to have given a juggling act, but owing to  
family illness was unable to attend.

About half an hour before midnight, three  
rousing "Bull dog" cheers were given for the  
chairman and the proceedings terminated.

## P. &amp; C. STEAMER DELAYED.

We understand that owing to slight damages  
sustained by the P. and O. steamer *Socotra* in  
collision, her sailing date from London on the  
China voyage was postponed from the 6th  
to the 13th ult.—On making inquiries from  
the local agency we have confirmed that her  
departure was delayed, but Mr. Hewett had  
heard no particulars regarding a collision.  
The steamer is due on the 24th inst. By  
Reuters' telegrams we see that she passed  
through the Canal on the 3rd inst.

ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—  
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HONGKONG & KOWLOON  
WHARF & GODOWN  
CO., LD.

Shareholders in the Hongkong and Kowloon  
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., held their sixteenth  
ordinary annual meeting, in the company's  
offices, 2 Connaught Rd., at noon to-day. There  
were present the Hon. C. W. Dickson (chairman),  
Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. N. A. Siebs, A.  
J. Raymond, G. H. Medhurst, J. M. Moss, C.  
H. Thompson, H. Schubart, A. G. Wood, E.  
Goetz, E. A. Hewett and C. Michelau (directors),  
Messrs. A. R. Lowe, S. J. Michael, R. C.  
Wilcox, Capt. Clarke, G. Goosmann, J. R.  
Michael, Ho Fook, R. J. Macgowan and G. H.  
May.

The notice convening the meeting was read.  
The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the re-  
port and accounts which have been in your  
possession for several days and which, I con-  
clude, you are agreeable to taking as read, are  
so very fully stated that there is but little  
remaining for me to say in regard to them.  
Business during the year was on the whole dull  
and disappointing and I cannot say that there  
appears to be any immediate prospect of im-  
provement. The violent fluctuations in ex-  
change which have been experienced have en-  
gendered a feeling of uneasiness in regard to  
our Silver Currency and until that be overcome  
importers are likely to continue keeping very  
moderate stocks. A good deal of damage was  
done to several of our properties by a typhoon  
which occurred in August last necessitating an  
outlay for repairs of about \$4,500. You will  
have noted that the net profit for 1901 is some  
\$7,000 larger than the previous year and may  
perhaps ask how it is that with better results  
your Directors should recommend slightly  
less dividend. To such a question I would  
remind you that in 1901 the balance  
available for distribution was increased by  
nearly \$14,000 from premium on the new  
issue of shares, and you will observe that it  
is proposed to carry forward rather more to the  
current year than was done twelve months ago.

In order to meet our steadily increasing ex-  
penditure arising from lower exchange, your  
directors decided to make their charges in  
sterling from the 1st of January, and in response  
to representations from the Company's Euro-  
pean employees agreed to fix their salaries half  
in sterling and half in dollars. My predecessors  
in the Chair have at our annual meetings  
referred to the plague and its bearing upon the  
company's business. I am glad to say that the  
improvements which have been made in our  
Chinese employees' quarters have amply just-  
ified the expense, for whilst in previous years a  
number of them succumbed to the disease, and  
work at the wharves was thereby seriously  
disorganised, last year not a single case occur-  
red although the scourge was prevalent in the  
neighbourhood. I trust we may be equally  
fortunate this year. There being no questions,  
I beg to move the adoption of the report and  
accounts.

Mr. Wilcox—I beg to second.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Lowe—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I

beg to propose that the appointments of Hon.

C. W. Dickson, Mr. C. Michelau and Mr. A.

G. Wood as directors be confirmed.

Mr. S. J. Michael—I beg to second.

Agreed.

Mr. Wilcox—I beg to move that Messrs. E.

Goetz and H. Schubart be re-elected.

Mr. S. J. Michael—I beg to second.

Agreed.

Capt. Clarke—I beg to propose that

Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gourdin be

re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

Mr. Goosmann—I beg to second.

Agreed.

The Chairman—That is all the business,

gentlemen. Dividend warrants can be had on

application.

## THE SIGNING OF PROMISSORY NOTES.

An interesting case came on for hearing this  
morning when the Chief Justice, Sir W. M.  
Goodman, held a public examination into the  
affairs of Mr. Osman Mahomed Madar, a clerk  
in the Ordnance Store Department with a  
salary of \$110 per month. It transpired in his  
examination before the Official Receiver that  
since 1894 he had either been borrowing money  
to meet his personal requirements or had been  
backing promissory notes for his friends.  
He got into debt in March, 1899, with Mr. F. S.  
Joseph to the extent of \$700 by signing an  
order for the payment to him of that amount  
by way of brokerage for negotiating a loan for  
a friend in Canton. Debtor said he had been  
paying the Official Receiver \$10 per  
month since 1899, and could not pay more  
than 50 per cent of his debts without  
distressing himself. He had five children, the  
eldest being 12 years of age. All the creditors  
had agreed to the composition, and Mr. Joseph  
was willing to take 50 per cent without costs.

The Chief Justice said that Mr. Madar had  
no right to make himself liable for friends and  
ought to have thought for his wife and child-  
ren. He considered he had answered  
satisfactorily, and was praiseworthy in  
paying instalments. It would be a warning  
not to sign promissory notes for other men and  
then being left liable. Mr. Madar was hope-  
lessly entangled.

The inquiry was then declared closed.

## SALE OF WALBES.

Mr. Geo. P. Lammett auctioneer, yesterday  
afternoon put up for public sale, at the Cause-  
way Bay stables, a few more of the young racers  
which took part in the recent meeting. *School  
Girl* (atched between \$300 and \$400, and *Maffy  
and Runaway* were each bought in for \$1,000.  
*Leitch* was bought in at \$2,000 and *Tied Tom*  
also shared a similar fate for a large amount.  
*Commoner* was knocked down at \$150, and  
*Jackie* went cheap for \$300. *Chetani* was  
bought in for \$420. *Punch* was not sold.

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## ALLEGED BRIBERY.

The case in which Yung Yiu U, a clerk  
employed at the Registrar General's office, was  
charged with obtaining \$15 from Ho Tak, with  
a view to influence his conduct as a public  
servant came on for hearing before Mr. F. A.  
Hazeland this morning.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and was defend-  
ed by Mr. J. Hastings of Messrs. Deacon and  
Hastings. Mr. F. B. L. Rowley, Crown Solicitor,  
appeared on behalf of the Crown. Mr.  
Rowley stated that he had also a charge to  
bring against the prisoner of attempting to obtain  
\$50. It appeared that on the 1st of November last  
year, a woman went to the Registrar General's  
office and signed a bond of \$100, to get her  
daughter released from the Po Leung Kuk.  
Two days after signing the bond, the woman  
left the Colony for Canton without having  
sent in the photograph of her daughter as  
required. On the 17th February she returned to  
the Colony and prisoner went to her house and  
asked her why the photograph was not sent in to  
the Registrar General's office and intimated  
that she was likely to get into trouble, but  
should she give him \$15, he would square the  
whole matter for her. This she did. On the  
18th prisoner again went back to the house  
and stated that \$15 was insufficient and  
demanded \$50 and made an appointment with  
the woman's husband to meet him at the Tak  
Cheung tea shop. Her husband, however,  
notified the police, and a detective was sent  
along with the woman's husband to the tea shop  
in order to meet the prisoner. The defendant,  
however, on seeing the woman's husband  
accompanied by a detective went to another  
tea shop. Next day another appointment was  
made to meet at another house, and this time  
Inspector "Gidley" and a detective hid them-  
selves. The prisoner, however, did not turn  
up, but was eventually arrested.

## MASONIC READING ROOM.

As will be seen in our advertisement columns,  
the Craft are this evening opening a new read-  
ing room, which, we understand, will be on the  
first floor of a building, recently constructed to  
the southward of the Masonic







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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OANFA"	21st March.
"	"MENELAUS"	25th "
"	"JASON"	31st April.
"	"AGAMEMNON"	9th "

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON
LONDON	"MACHAON"	17th March.
"	"KINLUCK"	31st March.
"	"PINSUEY"	14th April.
"	"JASON"	28th April.
"	"AGAMEMNON"	12th May.

LIVERPOOL BERTH.

LIVERPOOL	"NESTOR"	21st March.
"	"DEUCALION"	23rd April.

CONTINENTAL BERTH.

MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"CLAUCUS"	14th April.
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SHANGHAI	"WHAMPOA"	14th "
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"KIUKIAN"	18th "
KOBE	"OHINGTU"	18th "
SHANGHAI	"HANGCHOW"	19th "
TIENTSIN	"WANCHANG"	21st "
MANILA	"SUNGSIANG"	25th "
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FOR TAMSUI	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 22nd March.
FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 25th March.

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Shipping.

STEAMERS.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship  
"LOONGSANG,"  
Captain G. S. Weigall, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 13th instant, at 2 P.M.  
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First Class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 9th March, 1903.

FOR SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO, DALNY AND PORT ARTHUR.

THE Steamship

"SULLBERG,"

Captain Meyer, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 15th March, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
Hongkong Office.

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Consignees.

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship



## HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Company	Ship	At Kowloon Dock
Companier de Navigation	at Kowloon Dock	
Shanmen	"	"
H.M.S. Taku	"	"
Idan	"	"
Zafro	"	"
Chinglu	"	"
Lyra	"	"
Paul Damer	"	"
U.S.S. Isla de Cuba	"	"
Kinshon	"	"
Hongkong Marine	Aberdeen	"

## VESSELS IN PORT.

Ship	From	Arrival
ATHENIAN, British steamer, 4,885, Robinson, 9th Mar., Vancouver, U.C. 9th Feb., and Shanghai 6th Mar.; General—C. P. R. Co.		
ARRATON APCAR, British steamer, 2,978, E. Fey, 10th Mar., Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 4th March, General—David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.		
CHINGTOU, British steamer, 1,476, W. B. Brown, 5th Mar., Melbourne 30th Jan., Sydney 6th Feb., Port Darwin 2nd, and Manila 2nd Mar., General—Butterfield & Swire.		
DAIJIN MARU, Japanese steamer, 903, T. Ogata, 11th Mar., Tamsui 8th March, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.		
DAIYA MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,733, D. Yoshida, 9th Mar., Moji 3rd Mar., Coal—H. U. Jeffries.		
HONGKONG MARU, Japanese steamer, 6,169, W. E. Filmer, 6th Mar., San Francisco 5th Feb., via Honolulu 11th, Yokohama 24th, Kobe 27th, Nagasaki 1st Mar., and Shanghai 4th, Mail and General—P. M. S. S. Co.		
IBADIN, British steamer, 473, W. Winch, 8th Mar., Bangkok 4th Mar., Ballast—E. A. Trading Co.		
KONIGSBERG, German steamer, 3,135, H. Mayer, 10th Mar., Hamburg 23rd Jan., and Singapore 4th Mar., General—Siemens & Co.		
KWANGSE, British steamer, 1,240, H. Harris, 9th Mar., Chinwantau 3rd Mar., Coal—Butterfield & Swire.		
KYOTO MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,644, T. Sakurai, 8th Mar., Moji 3rd Mar., Coal—Order.		
LOONGSANG, British steamer, 1,117, G. S. Weingill, 9th Mar., Manila 6th March, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
MACHEW, German steamer, 995, H. Harjes, 8th Mar., Bangkok via Swatow 7th Mar., Rice and Teakwood—Melchers & Co.		
MADELEINE RICKMERS, German steamer, 1,020, T. Sanders, 9th Mar., Bangkok 3rd Mar., Rice—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
MAUSANG, British steamer, 1,614, W. D. Welsh, 6th Mar., Sandakan 28th Feb., Timber and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
OCEANA, German steamer, 453, F. Janke, 7th Mar., Sydney via Marseilles and Caroline Island 22nd Feb., Copra—Siemens & Co.		
PHRA CHOM KLAO, German steamer, 1,011, T. Reimers, 11th Mar., Bangkok 4th Mar., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.		
PRONTO, Norwegian steamer, 837, Th. Seehar, 8th Mar., Haiphong and Heihow 6th Mar., General—A. R. Marty.		
ROSETTA MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,403, N. Tate, 9th Mar., Manila 7th Mar., General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.		
RUBI, British steamer, 1,611, R. W. Almond, 8th Mar., Manila 6th Mar., Specie and Hemp—Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
SEIRST, Norwegian steamer, 617, A. Larsen, 6th Mar., Singapore 27th Feb., Timber—Tan Tye & Co.		
SELUN, Norwegian steamer, 865, O. W. Sinding, 8th Mar., Wuhu 28th Feb., Rice—E. A. Trading Co.		
SHINI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,388, K. Nakagawa, 4th Mar., Shanghai 1st Mar., General—Chinese.		
SULLBERG, German steamer, 783, H. Meyer, 9th Mar., Heihow 5th March, Ballast—Siemens & Co.		
TREMONT, American steamer, 9,695, T. W. Carlick, 10th Mar., Voij 6th Mar., General—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.		
TSINTAU, German steamer, 1,008, O. Koch, 9th Mar., Bangkok 3rd Mar., Rice and General—Velchers & Co.		
VICTORIA, American steamer, 2,112, J. Panton, 10th Mar., Tacoma 6th Feb., General—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.		

## SAILING VESSELS.

Ship	To	Departure
GROSVENOR, British barque, 316, Boga, 14th June, Mauritius 16th January, Sugar—Abdulla & Co.		
HOLLISWOOD, American bark, 1,084, E. M. Knight, 23rd Feb., Fremantle, W.A. 12th Dec., Sandelwood—Gilmart & Co.		
HOWARD D. TROOP, British 4-masted barque, 2,080, D. W. Corning, 6th Mar., New York 29th Oct., Petroleum—Standard Oil Co.		
LOTHAR, Italian barque, 794, Antonio M. Schiaffino, 4th Dec., from Callao (Peru), General—Order.		
ROSE, British barque, 786, How, 28th Feb., Fremantle 1st Nov., Sandelwood—Order.		
SENAUD, American schooner, 660, J. C. Downing, 4th Feb., Manila 31st Jan., Ballast—Order.		

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Ship	From	Arrival
Wladivostok	am. 30.02.24	86
Nemuro	am. 30.02.24	86
Hakodate	am. 30.02.24	86
Tokio	am. 30.02.24	86
Kochi	am. 30.02.24	86
Nagasaki	am. 30.02.24	86
Kagoshima	am. 30.02.24	86
Oshima	am. 30.02.24	86
Naha	am. 30.02.24	86
Ishigaki	am. 30.02.24	86
Taihou	am. 30.02.24	86
Taichu	am. 30.02.24	86
Taitan	am. 30.02.24	86
Koshu	am. 30.02.24	86
Pescadore	am. 30.02.24	86
Wei-hai-wei	am. 30.02.24	86
Shanghai	am. 30.02.24	86
Amoy	am. 30.02.24	86
Swatow	am. 30.02.24	86
Canton	am. 30.02.24	86
Hongkong	am. 30.02.24	86
Gap Rock	am. 30.02.24	86
Macao	am. 30.02.24	86
Haiphong	am. 30.02.24	86
Manila	am. 30.02.24	86
Malate	am. 30.02.24	86
Bacolod	am. 30.02.24	86
Iloilo	am. 30.02.24	86
Cebu	am. 30.02.24	86
C. St. James	am. 30.02.24	86

## YESTERDAY.

Weather Report	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.98
Thermometer	73
Humidity	79
Rainfall	0.04

## VISITORS AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

Visitor	Room
Airey, Staff-Laymaster	Rev. F. Jaff, D.
and Mrs. Bailey, W. S.	Jameson, Mr. and Mrs.
Barrett, E. G.	Johnson, A.
Baxter, E. F.	Joseph, Mr. and Mrs.
Bayer, A. E.	Kames, W. J.
Bell, J. T.	Katsch, E. A.
Bervin, C. de	Lebrun, H.
Bissell, E. V.	Little, J. M.
Boggan, Mr. & Mrs. R.	Macgowan, R. T.
Bonner, E. E.	Maitre, Mr.
Bonnet, F.	Malpass, Mrs. S. D.
Bothwick, Mr. & Mrs.	Marriott, Dr. A.
R. W. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. E.	
Boyd, F.	Mast, S. E.
Bragg, Gen. and Mrs.	McAran, T. P.
Branch, B.	Midyushina, Mr.
Brough, Mr. and Mrs.	Murphy, Mr. and Mrs.
Brown, W. S.	E. O.
Clark, Hon. Dr. F.	Neilsen, O.
Clifford, Mr.	North, R. M., C. J.
Colson, J. S.	Ollis, Mr. and Mrs. and nurse
Cole, G. E.	Paul, Mr. and Mrs. W. T.
Cox, R. W.	
Cox, Miss.	Peck, L.
Cox, Mrs. E. R. and maid	Percival, Miss
Davis, Mr. and Mrs.	Percival, N. S.
Dean, G.	Rankin, J.
Dean, Mrs. F. W.	Ranney, Mr. and Mrs.
Derbyshire, J. H.	F. O.
Deshler, Miss	Reid, H. J.
Downing, T. C.	Rouget, Mr.
Drake, Miss E. W.	Loet, L.
Edwards, F. W.	Schiffman, Dr. and Mrs.
Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. A. R.	
Fisher, H. G.	Schlinder, K. G.
Gayoso, J. L.	Skott, C.
Georg, C.	Snewin, E. A.
Glover, C.	Songville, Geo.
Halwright, Dr. & Mrs.	Stanford, W. E. O.
Hammers, B. F.	Temple, Miss
Hammovitch, M.	Terkelsen, O.
Hart Luck, Mr.	Thomas, J. A.
Harvey, R. D.	Thomson, Dr. J. C.
Hawks, H.	Tudor, Major and Mrs.
Hayter, A.	R. E.
Hecford, R. G.	Vawter, Miss C. C.
Henderson, Capt. and Mrs.	Wallace, H.
Hergog, T.	Warren, Mr. and Mrs.
Hernan, W. J.	Watkins, C. A.
Hill, F. D.	Watson, W. P.
Holbein, Miss H.	Webster, R. D.
Hollingsworth, A. J.	White, Mr. & Mrs. H.
Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. J.	Whitton, A. M.
Hormann, Mr. and Mrs. W.	Whitton, Mrs. A. M.
Howard, Thos. C. E.	Wilson, Mrs. B. & child
Hughes, Mrs. and Miss	Wolmer, Mr. & Mrs.
Yamashita, Capt.	

## VISITORS AT THE KING EDWARD HOTEL.

Visitor	Room
Anlon, A. S.	Path, Mr. and Mrs.
Dickson, R. H.	Pentley, E. J.
Era, Mrs. N. N. and child	Rosenkreuz, J.
Gehris, Miss E.	Shelton, Mr. and Mrs.
Gibbs, A. D.	Edward
Judah, C. J.	Smyth, Mrs. Skeffington
Keegan, J. S.	Stephens, Mr. & Mrs.
Kiene, F.	M. J. D.
Kiene, Mrs. F.	Stokes, R. N., Capt.
Koetgen, G. A.	Stokes, Mrs.
Koetgen, Miss R.	Stucken, A.
Koetgen, Miss F.	Vuk, T.
Krebs, Capt. & Mrs. H.	Willrich, W.
Langlands, A. O. D.	Wilgess, Mr. and Mrs.
Capt. and Mrs.	child

## VISITORS AT THE CONNAUGHT HOTEL.

Visitor	Room
Bexley, H. T.	Marshall, H. C.
Boyle, W.	Marston, Mr. and Mrs.
Brewitt, Mr. and Mrs.	Mauldon, E. F.
Brown, Miss Gillies	Maxfield, W.
Cameron, A.	McIntyre, A.
Campbell, Lieut. J. R.	McIntyre, A.
Caurani, H.	Pisoni, C.
Dufour, Mrs.	Quenelle, Mr.
Eyre, H.	Robertson, N. H.
Ferrers, H. N.	Rutherford, D. H.
Fleurieu, Comte H. de	Stewart, Mrs. John
Fleurieu, Comte A. de	Stodart, F.
Gibson, Miss	Theneven, J.
Grant, Powell	Thomas, C. B.
Hachwood, H.	Tibbey, S. N. W.
Hamilton, A.	Tyrwhitt, T.
Hellmanson, I.	Uyemura, K.
Houghton, R.	Vaughan, Miss
Howard, H. H.	Victor, Lesle
Hunt, Miss	White, C. H.
Humphreys, W.	Whitlock, F. G.
Hyland, A.	Williams, W. H.
Kerr, R.	

## VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE PEAK HOTEL.

Visitor	Room
Arbutnot, Major	Hardy, Mrs.
Arbutnot, Miss	Hebden, S.
Busse, George	Henry, James
Beattie, Andrew	Jennett, H. D.
Benson, A.P.D., Major	Johnston, Mr. and Mrs.
and Mrs. H. G.	L. A. M.
Berkley, H.	King, R. H.
Berner, Gilbert	Macumara, R.N., Staff.
Bird, R.N., Surgeon & Mrs. J. W.	Surgeon & Mrs. H. W.
Brazton, Ralph A.	Marten, R.
Brayne, H. F. R.	McDermott, A. P. B.
Brent, H. A. W.	Mitchell, Robert
Brown, P.E., Col. L. F.	Norris, R.N., Surgeon
Bryson, A.	and Mrs. H. L.
Chapman, Mr. & Mrs.	Philpot, Leonard D.
A.	Pollock, K.C., H. E.
Clark, W.	Post, Mr. and Mrs.
Cockell, Edgar	Nicholas
Cockle, Mrs. E. and child	Reid, T. H.
child	Rumey, R.N., Hon. R. Murray
Domnich, W.	Sawer, Mrs. W. E.
Denny, D.A.G., Major	Scott, Charles R.
and Mrs. W. A. G.	Sinclair, A.
Ferrier, A.P.D., Col. and Mrs. G. H.	Smith, Carl W.
Fitch, Mrs. W. Grant	Smith, Mr. and Mrs.
and companion	Harrison F.
French, A.S.C., Major	Spalkhaver, W. O. C.
G. A.	Stokes, A. G.
Gibson, Dr Robert	Todd, Mr. children
Grant, G. C. Lindsay	and nurse
Gros, Mr. & Mrs. E. F.	Tucho, A.
Hamilton, Maj. A. B.	Wentensleben, Dr. Jur.
Hardy, Lieut. Comdr. W. S. T.	
Erness, C.	

## VISITORS AT CRAIGLEBURN.

Visitor	Room
Bennis, C. E. H.	Harvey, Lieut. and Mrs. J. S.
Clutton, Mrs. and child	Hett, F. P.
Dann, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. K.	Lambelle, Lieut. and Mrs. F. W.
Denison, A.	Parker, Capt. and Mrs.
Denison, Mrs. A.	Tooler, Mr. and Mrs.
Helms, W.	

## VISITORS AT THE KOWLOON HOTEL.

Visitor	Room
Day, J. S.	O'Leary, U.S.A., Paymaster and Mrs. C. R.
Jewell, Mrs. F. F.	Kennon, Mrs. L. W. V.
Kennon, Mrs. L. W. V.	C. Leary, Master
Laird, R.	Rice, Mrs. Helen H.
Musgrave, Mrs.	Rice, Miss Dorothy
Nobbs, A. P.	Wheeler, Mr. & Mrs. J.

## VISITORS AT THE QUEEN'S HOTEL.

Visitor	Room
Allan, D.	Morrison, J. D.
Fasch, R.	Pearse, R.
Gerard, Capt.	Sator, Lieut.
Kellerhoff, E.	Vanderpool, Mrs.
Key, Dr.	Wandree, F.

## WEATHER-FORECASTS AND STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

## METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast beside the Time-ball at Kowloon Point for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not imply that bad weather is expected here:—

A DRUM indicates a typhoon to the Eastward of the Colony, (i.e., in the East quadrant, N.E. to S.E.)

A BALL indicates a typhoon to the Westward of the Colony, (i.e., in the West quadrant, S.W. to N.W.)

A CONE Point Upwards indicates a typhoon to the Northward of the Colony, (i.e., in the North quadrant, N.W. to N.E.)

A CONE Point Downwards indicates a typhoon to the Southward of the Colony, (i.e., in the South quadrant, S.E. to S.W.)

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

Two lanterns hoisted vertically indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to veer.

Two lanterns hoisted horizontally indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to back.

The signals are repeated on the flagstaff of the Godown Company at Kowloon, and also, by day only, at the Harbour Office and on H.M.'s Receiving Ship.

LOCAL STORM-WARNINGS.

The Colony itself is warned of approaching typhoons by means of the Typhoon Gun placed at the foot of the mast, which is fired whenever a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

NOTICE BOARDS.

Notice boards are placed at:—

Joint Cable Companies' Office.

Ferry Company's Pier, Ice House Street.

Blake Pier.

Post Office.

Harbour Office.

Office of the Wharf & Godown Company, Kowloon.

WEATHER-FORECASTS AND STORM-WARNINGS are exhibited on the above boards daily about 11 a.m., and also at other hours, day or night, whenever necessary. Information of importance is also issued by "Express."

THE CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER is exhibited at the same places daily about noon. It contains observations made at Hongkong and at a number of stations in the Far East, together with Remarks, Weather-forecasts, and information regarding the existence and movements of typhoons based thereon.

THE LAW OF STORMS.

Further information concerning the weather to be expected while signals are hoisted, and sailing directions, are given in "The Law of Storms in the Eastern Seas."

F. G. FIOG, Acting Director.

Hongkong Observatory, 24th July, 1903.

## THE SHARE MARKET.

## LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(MARCH 12th.)

STOCKS.		PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	LATEST QUOTATION.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$	125	{ Div. of £1.10/- and bonus of 10/- @ 1/7 = \$25.26 for half-year ending 31/12/1902.	\$690 buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	£	8	{ 3/16 on A. shares for 1902	\$224 buyers
Do. Founders	£	1	{ \$1.90 on B. shares for 1902	\$10
			{ None on Founder shares	
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	\$	100	60 per cent = \$30 per share for 1901	\$325 buyers
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited	\$	25	16 % = \$4 for year ended 30/11/1902	\$39 sales & buyers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	\$	25	Final of 4 % making in all 8 % for 1901	Tails 195 buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	\$	60	20 % = \$12 for 1900	\$135 buyers
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	\$	50	28 % = \$14 per share for 1901	\$162
FIRE INSURANCES.				
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$	50	\$24 per share for 1901	\$105 buyers
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$	20	\$6 per share for 1901	\$84 buyers
SHIPPING.				
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited	\$	15	\$14 for half-year ending 31/12/1902	\$162 sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	£	10	Fin. of 12/- making £ 1 per share for 1901	\$108 buyers
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	\$	50	10 % for 1900	\$27 sales nominal
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	\$	25	{ Div. of \$3 per share for year ended 30/6/1902	\$43 sales
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	\$	10	{ \$1.20 = 12 % for year ending 30/4/02	\$264 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	£	5	{ 30 cts.	\$14 buyers
Shanghai Tug Boat Company, Limited	Tails	100	2nd Interim of 9d. making 2/- for 1901	£1 10/- sales
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	Tails	50	3rd Interim of Tls. 5 for 1902	Tails 310 buyers
Shanghai Cargo Boat Company, Limited	Tails	100	Interim of 2 %	Tails 152 sales
Co-operative Cargo Boat Company, Limited	Tails	100	Interim of 6 % for 1902	Tails 160 buyers
			Interim of 6 % for 1901	Tails 160 buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	\$	100	Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1901	\$110 buyers
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	\$	100	\$3 per share for 1897	\$12
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	Tails	50	Fin. of 7 % making 12 % for the year	Tails 70 sellers
MINING.				
Punjom Mining Company, Limited	\$	10 1/2	None	\$275 sales
Punjom Mining Preference Shares	\$	1	None	75 cents sellers
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Francs	250	None	\$600 sellers
Jebebu Mining and Trading Company, Limited	\$	5	Int. of Frs. 30 per share for 1901	\$1 sales
Raub Allain Gold Mining Company, Limited	£	18s. 10d.	5 % for 1-year end. 31/7/94 (Coupon 9).	\$71 buyers
Chinese Engineering & Mining Company, Ltd.	£	1	No. 12 of 1/- per share.	Tails 84 sellers
			7 1/2 % = 1/6 per share (Coupon No. 1).	
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.				
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited	\$	50	{ Div. of 10 % and bonus of 2 % for half-year ending 31/12/02	\$205 sales
S. C. Farham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Tails	100	{ Interim of Tls. 7	Tails 185 buyers
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited	\$	50	Interim of \$2 for 1902	\$36
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	\$	64	\$24 for 1901	\$384 sales
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf & Godown Company, Limited	Tails	100	Interim of Tls. 6 for 1902	Tails 320 sales
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.				
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited	\$	10	8 % = 80 cents per share for 1902	\$9 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	\$	100	Final of \$6 making \$12 for 1902	\$176 buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Ltd.	\$	30	\$2.30 per share for 1902	\$33 buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited	\$	50	Final of \$1.60 making \$3.10 for 1902	\$52 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	\$	50	\$6 for first half-year 1902	\$143 sales
Oriente Hotel Company, Limited (Manila)	\$	50	8 % = \$4 for half-year ending 31.12.1900	\$271 sales & buyers
Astor House Hotel Co., Limited (Shanghai)	\$	25	15 % for half-year ending 31.12.01	\$30 sellers
Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	Tails	25	First year	Tails 161 sales
Queen's Hotel (Wei-hai-wei)	Tails	25	First year	Tails 25
Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited	\$	10	9 per cent. for 1902	\$111 buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	Tails	50	Interim of 6 % for 1902	Tails 115 sellers
COTTON MILLS.				
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	\$	10	Final of 60 cents making \$1 per share	\$164 buyers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	Tails	100	3 % for period ended 31.10.97	Tails 37 buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Limited	Tails	100	Interim of 3 % on account of 1898	Tails 37 buyers
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	Tails	100	Int. div. of 4 % on acct. of 1898 on 6,000 shares	Tails 40 buyers
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	Tails	500	4 % for period ended 31.12.00	Tails 160
CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.				
Alhambra, Limited	\$	500	25 % for year ending 30.6.1900	\$350 buyers
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Limited	\$	50	None	\$20 buyers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company	\$	20	Interim of \$2 per share	Tails 53 sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	\$	10	10 % = \$1 per share for 1901	\$23 buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	\$	15	10 % = \$1.50 for 1901	\$23 sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	\$	10	Interim of 5 % for 1902	\$14 sales
Watkins, Limited	\$	10	60 cents per share for 1901	\$9 sales
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	\$	10	80 cents for year ending 30.4.1902	\$14 sellers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	\$	5	40 cents for year ending 30.4.1902	\$6.85 sales
Hongkong and China Gas Company, Limited	£	10	10 % div. and 1 % bonus for 1900	\$140 buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited	\$	50	\$10 for 1902	\$110
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	\$	25	15 per cent = \$3.75 for 1901	\$50
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	\$	25	Final of \$12, making \$16 for 1902	\$240 sales
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$	100	\$18 for year ending 31.11.1902	\$327 buyers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	\$	6	75 cents for year ending 31.7.1901	\$11 buyers
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited	\$	50	5 per cent = \$2 1/2 for 1901	\$40 sales
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	\$	10	Div. of \$24 and bonus of \$2 1/2 for 1901	\$40 buyers
United Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	£	12s. 6d.		\$1 buyers
Do. Founders	£	4	80 cents per share	\$84 sellers
Universal Trading Co., Limited	\$	10	\$19.80 per share	\$153
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Limited	\$	20	Interim of \$1.20 per share	\$22
China Light and Power Co., Limited	\$	20	Final of 6 % making 12 % for the year	\$14
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	\$	20	None	\$10 buyers
Manila Investment Co., Limited	\$	10	5 % = \$2 1/2 for half-year 1901	\$10
William Powell, Limited	\$	10	None	\$15 buyers
Maatschappij tot Mijn-, Bosch- en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat	Guilders	100	Final of 50 cents making \$1 per share	\$10 buyers
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